

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
BUTTE DIVISION

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District Of Montana
Helena

SHARON HOWARD and FRANK
HOWARD,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

INTERSTATE DISTRIBUTOR CO.,
CHARLES BROWN, and JOHN
DOES 1 through 10,

Defendants.

No. CV 18-14-BU-SEH

ORDER

A preliminary pretrial conference was held on May 3, 2018, via telephone conference. Plaintiff was represented by Robert G. McCarthy, Esq. Defendant was represented by Marshal L. Mickelson, Esq.

ORDERED:

1. Scheduling Order: The following schedule, established with the concurrence of the parties, will be observed:

Amendments of pleadings under
Fed. R. Civ. P. 15 and joinder of

parties under Fed. R. Civ. P. 19 or 20
on or before:

June 15, 2018

Plaintiff shall disclose, provide, and file
reports of liability and damage experts:
(1) in compliance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2);
and (2) in compliance with and as specified
in paragraph 7 of this Order, on or before:

September 19, 2018

Defendant shall disclose, provide, and file
reports of liability and damage experts:
(1) in compliance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2);
and (2) in compliance with and as specified
in paragraph 7 of this Order, on or before:

October 19, 2018

Plaintiff shall serve and file
Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)(A) and (C)
disclosures of all non-retained experts in
compliance with and as specified in paragraph 8
of this Order, on or before:

September 19, 2018

Defendant shall serve and file
Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)(A) and (C)
disclosures of all non-retained experts in
compliance with and as specified in paragraph 8
of this Order, on or before:

October 19, 2018

Discovery closes:

December 21, 2018

Discovery motions, with supporting briefs,
shall be filed no later than 10 days following
the moving party's compliance with
Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c)(1) and 37(a)(1).

All pretrial motions, other than discovery motions,
shall be filed and fully briefed on or before:

February 22, 2019

An attorneys' conference to discuss the
final pretrial order preparation on or before: April 12, 2019

Proposed final pretrial order on or before: April 26, 2019

Absent Court order, a continuance of any deadline set by this Order does not
extend any other deadline.

FURTHER ORDERED:

2. Initial disclosures under: (1) Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1)(A)(i) and (ii) of
individuals likely to have discoverable information and supplemental disclosures
under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(e); and (2) L.R. 16.2 are to be made and filed with the
Court as required by order of Court, notwithstanding other disclosures that have
been or may be made known to opposing parties by any other provisions of Fed.
R. Civ. P. 26(e)(1)(A). Further, supplemental disclosures: (1) of individuals likely
to have discoverable information; and (2) of copies or description by category and
location of all documents, electronically stored information, and tangible things
that the disclosing party has in its possession, custody or control, must be
promptly filed with the Court and served upon counsel of record within ten (10)
days of the date upon which the supplementing party learns that supplementation
or correction is required. Persons not disclosed as required by this Order will not
be permitted to testify at trial absent permission granted by order of Court.

Documents and tangible things not disclosed as required by this Order may not be introduced as evidence at trial absent permission granted by order of Court.

Each party shall file, not less than 60 days before **December 21, 2018**, separate lists of all witnesses expected to be designated either as a “will call” witness or as a “may call” witness at trial. Such “will call” and “may call” witness lists may, upon motion and show of good cause, be amended or supplemented not later than 30 days before **December 21, 2018**.

3. Parties are not required to seek leave of the Court to amend pleadings under Fed. R. Civ. P. 15 or join parties under Fed. R. Civ. P. 19 or 20 prior to the deadline established in paragraph 1. Further amendments of pleadings or joinder of parties other than as contemplated in paragraph 1 will not be permitted.

4. Discovery motions not submitted in compliance with this Order or L.R. 26.3(c) will be denied.

5. “Fully briefed,” as referenced in paragraph 1 above, means the brief in support of the motion and the opposing party’s response brief are filed.

The parties shall submit a paper copy of all filings in excess of 20 pages to Judge Haddon’s Chambers.

6. Identification and authenticity for all written documents produced in pretrial disclosure and during the course of discovery are stipulated, except as

provided in this paragraph. If a party objects to either the identification or the authenticity of a particular document produced by another party, the objecting party must make and serve a specific written objection upon all other parties within 30 days of receipt. If a document is produced and the producing party objects either to identification or authenticity, the producing party shall so state, in writing, to all other parties at the time of production. All other objections are reserved for trial.

7. Expert reports for any witness retained or specially employed to provide expert testimony, or whose duties as an employee of a party involve giving expert testimony, are required. Such reports shall comply with Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)(B) and the requirements of this Order and are to include:

- a. A separate statement of each opinion to be offered.
- b. Specific identification of and source citations to facts or data considered, referenced, or relied upon by the witness in forming each of the opinions expressed. Copies of all documents and data considered, referenced, or relied upon shall be attached as exhibits to the report when filed.
- c. A separate statement of the bases and reasons for each of the opinions.

Expert reports are to be complete, comprehensive, accurate, and tailored to the issues on which the expert is expected to testify. An inadequate report or disclosure may result in exclusion of the expert's opinions at trial even if the expert has been deposed.

Expert reports will be required from treating physicians if testimony to be offered will include any opinions not fully expressed in the physician's medical records.

8. Separate written disclosures of all non-retained experts (expert witnesses not obliged to provide a Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)(B) written report) are required. Such disclosures must address and include all information required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)(A) and (C) and shall include:

- a. A separate statement of each opinion to be offered.
- b. Specific identification of and source citations to facts or data considered, referenced, or relied upon by the witness in forming the each of the opinions expressed. Copies of all documents and data considered, referenced, or relied upon shall be attached as exhibits to the written disclosure when filed.
- c. A separate statement of the bases and reasons for each of the opinions.

Such Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)(A) disclosures are expected to be complete, comprehensive, accurate, and tailored to the issues on which the expert is expected to testify. An inadequate disclosure may result in exclusion of the expert's opinions at trial even if the expert has been deposed.

9. Evidence intended solely to contradict or rebut expert testimony or evidence identified by another party must be disclosed and filed within 30 days of the other party's expert disclosure date in paragraph 1. Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)(D)(ii).

10. Initial reports, disclosures or depositions of experts determined to be inaccurate or incomplete are to be corrected or completed by supplemental disclosure filed within 30 days of the latter of: (1) the parties' expert disclosure date specified in paragraph 1 above; or (2) the date of the expert's deposition.

11. The final pretrial order must comply with the provisions of Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(3)(A) and L.R. 16.4. **All attached lists must be in portrait orientation.**

12. The final pretrial order supersedes all prior pleadings and may not be amended except by leave of Court.

13. Objections to exhibits, deposition testimony, or the use of other discovery to be offered at trial (e.g. interrogatories and responses to requests for

admission) shall be included within the final pretrial order and shall state specific grounds for all objections. *See* L.R. 16.4. Objections not stated are waived. *See* L.R. 16.4(b)(5). Exhibits shall be filed in compliance with paragraph 14 of this Order.

The proposed final pretrial order shall be filed. A copy shall be provided to Chambers, 901 Front Street, Suite 3100A, Helena, Montana, 59626.

No later than the date of filing of the proposed pretrial order, each party shall file and provide to Chambers:

- a. The complete transcript of each deposition, any portion of which is to be offered at trial.
- b. Complete copy sets of all interrogatories served by the party.
- c. Complete copy sets of all answers to interrogatories received from any party, if any portion of such answers are to be offered at trial.
- d. Complete copy sets of each request for admission and of each response thereto to be offered at trial.
- e. Complete copy sets of all requests for production served by a party and complete copy sets of all responses to requests for production, if any portion of such responses are to be offered at trial.

All responses to discovery to be offered as evidence at trial, in order to

be considered for admission as evidence at trial, must satisfy the requirements for admissibility as evidence under the Federal Rules of Evidence.

14. Exhibits:

- a. Exhibits are to be bound in a loose-leaf binder and exchanged with opposing counsel prior to the filing of the pretrial order.
- b. Each exhibit shall bear an extended tab showing the number of the exhibit.
- c. Each exhibit document shall be paginated, including any attachments. Plaintiff's exhibits shall be numbered 1 up to 500. Defendant's exhibits shall be numbered 501 and up. All exhibits shall be numbered in chronological sequence. **Any exhibits from depositions to be offered at trial shall be labeled with a trial exhibit number only.**
- d. Exhibits shall not be duplicated.
- e. Exhibits shall be filed in the electronic record.
- f. The original of document exhibits shall be delivered to the Clerk of Court on or before **April 26, 2019**.
- g. A copy of exhibits shall be mailed to Chambers, 901 Front

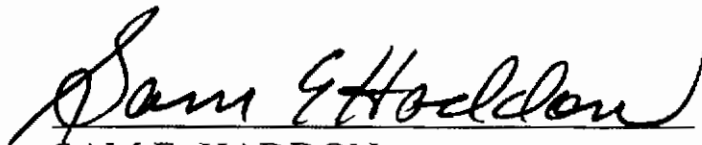
Street, Suite 3100A, Helena, Montana, 59626, on or before April 26, 2019.

h. The parties are expected to use the Court's available evidence presentation technology for exhibit display.

i. *Audio or video electronic exhibits must be in a format compatible with the evidence presentation technology. Parties may contact the Clerk's office for technical assistance.*

15. Experts: Corrections or supplements to expert reports and written disclosures shall be filed in accordance with paragraphs 1, 7, 8, 9 and 10 above.

DATED this 3rd day of May, 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sam E. Haddon", written over a horizontal line.

SAM E. HADDON

United States District Judge